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Herger Lauds Passage of Measure that Authorizes Funding for Critical Flood Control Projects

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- Congressman Wally Herger (CA-02) today voted in favor of H.R. 2864, the Water Resources Development Act of 2005, which passed the House by a vote of 406-14. The bill authorizes the construction of the critically important flood protection projects in the Yuba River Basin and along the Sacramento River at Hamilton City.

"Passage of this legislation in the House is the next important step toward completion of these critical public safety projects," Herger said. "Both of these areas are prone to damaging floods. It is essential that these structural improvements move forward in the timeliest manner possible."

H.R. 2864 authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct certain projects listed in the bill. The Congress may, during the annual appropriations process, vote to fund these congressionally authorized projects. H.R. 2864 authorizes a total project cost of \$107 million, with federal expenditures of up to \$70 million for the Yuba River Basin project. The Hamilton City "J Levee" project is authorized at a total cost of \$50,600,000, with estimated federal expenditures of \$33,000,000. The specific scope and design of each project account for the different levels of authorized spending.

Herger added, "I hope the Senate acts quickly to pass this important legislation so we can keep moving the process forward for these significant public safety projects. While funding will continue to be extremely tight in this difficult budget environment, I will continue doing everything I can to secure the needed funds."

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